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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on Residential Aboveground Oil Tanks in Flood Areas**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on Residential Aboveground Oil Tanks  
4 in Flood Areas; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force;  
5 providing for staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to submit, by  
6 certain dates, certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly;  
7 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task  
8 Force on Residential Aboveground Oil Tanks in Flood Areas.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) There is a Task Force on Residential Aboveground Oil Tanks in Flood  
12 Areas.

13 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

14 (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President  
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
17 the House;

18 (3) The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

19 (4) The Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the  
20 Secretary's designee; and

- 1           (5)     The following members appointed by the Governor:
- 2                   (i)     A representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;
- 3                   (ii)    A representative of the Maryland Municipal League;
- 4                   (iii)  A representative of a homeowner's association located in an  
5 area of nontidal or tidal inundation;
- 6                   (iv)   A representative of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and  
7 Regulation; ~~and~~
- 8                   (v)    A representative of the aboveground oil tank manufacturing  
9 industry; and
- 10                  (vi)   A representative of the heating oil industry.

11       (c)     The Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee, shall be the  
12 chairman of the Task Force.

13       (d)     The Department of the Environment shall provide staff for the Task Force.

14       (e)     A member of the Task Force:

15               (1)     May not receive compensation; but

16               (2)     Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
17 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

18       (f)     The Task Force shall:

19               (1)     Review national and State building, fire, and safety codes related to  
20 the construction, installation, and maintenance of residential aboveground oil tanks;  
21 and

22               (2)     Make recommendations for a statewide standard for the installation  
23 and maintenance of residential aboveground oil tanks located in areas of nontidal or  
24 tidal inundation.

25       (g)     The Task Force shall report:

26               (1)     Preliminary findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in  
27 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on  
28 or before January 1, 2005; and

29               (2)     Final findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in  
30 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on  
31 or before October 1, 2005.

32       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 July 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 4 months and, at the

- 1 end of October 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
- 2 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.